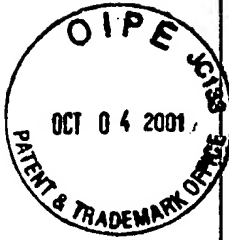


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced Patent Application, please amend the same as follows:

AMENDMENT OF THE TITLE OF INVENTION:

Please [✓]amend the Title to read as follows:

--COMPACT BIOPTICAL LASER SCANNING SYSTEM--

AMENDMENT OF THE CLAIMS

Please [✓]cancel Claims 1-101 without prejudice.